

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-7032

JERRY ADAM HELMS, JR.,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

PATRICK CONROY; ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE
OF MARYLAND,

Respondents - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of
Maryland, at Greenbelt. Peter J. Messitte, District Judge. (CA-
02-68-PJM)

Submitted: January 31, 2003

Decided: February 14, 2003

Before WIDENER, WILKINS, and KING, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Jerry Adam Helms, Jr., Appellant Pro Se. John Joseph Curran, Jr.,
Attorney General, Ann Norman Bosse, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF MARYLAND, Baltimore, Maryland, for Appellees.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Jerry Adam Helms seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000) and denying his motions for a new trial and to alter or amend the judgment. We have reviewed the record and conclude for the reasons stated by the district court that Helms has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. See Helms v. Conroy, No. CA-02-68-PJM (D. Md. June 20 and July 24, 2002). Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c) (2000). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED